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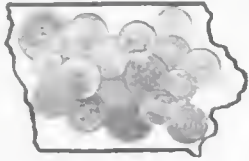
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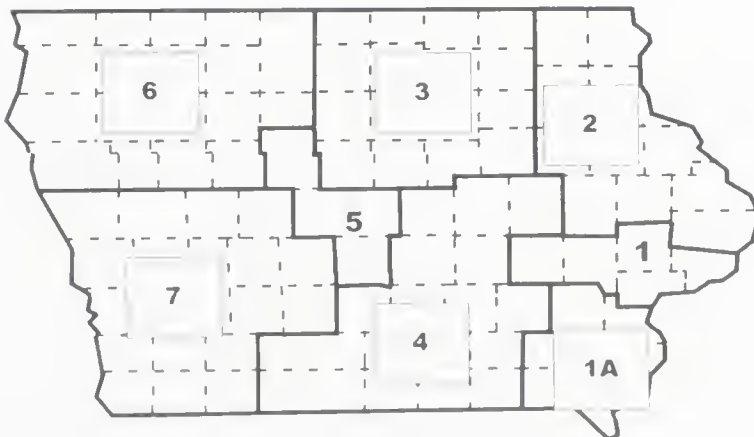


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From the Editor

Would you like to see news of your club's activities covered in *The Iowa Collector*? The editor welcomes news of club happenings in the *Iowa Numismatic Associations* region. Send any information on your upcoming coin show, election of new officers and other club news and articles, prepared by club members, to the Editor. Include any photographs with your article, to make your story more interesting.

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Presidents Message

Chris Seuntjens

Dear Fellow Numismatists:



Last month saw the passing of one of Iowa's great numismatists Earl Peterson of Anthon, Iowa. (see in memoriam p.15) Earl and his partner Ted Alvey owned USA Coin Company in Sioux City for many decades. For many years Earl was a consultant to the Red Book and other publications. In early Redbooks you would always see his name as one of the pricing contributors.

I am dedicating this president's message to Earl who was a dear friend of mine and is the reason I am in the coin business today. As a young lad Earl helped me complete my first coin collections. I remember going to his home and looking over his coins so I could fill the vacant spots. I was always intrigued by the business end of coins and got hooked on becoming a coin dealer when Earl invited me to help him at the FUN coin show in Hollywood, Florida. Earl later helped me with other coin shows and consigned merchandise to my first coin shop in 1980. Earl was a life member of the INA and will be missed dearly by his personal and numismatic family.

It's hard to believe summer is over. The coin market is still very lively as was evident by the record attendance at the Des Moines Coin Club's Annual Coin and Stamp Expo in July. Thanks to the Des Moines Coin Club for all their hard work in putting on a well - organized show.

The INA this year will be sponsored by the Fort Dodge Coin Club and will be October 27 and 28. This year's show will feature free seminars and much anticipated exhibits. This show will be a must for all collectors to attend. By show time the INA is planning on unveiling its brand new web site. A lot of work has gone into its production particularly by Dean Parr and his son. Thank you to the whole web site committee for all you have done.

And lastly, since the INA convention in 2010 we have had a goal of getting 100 new members by the 2012 convention. As of July, we were about 35 members short. Please do all you can to sign up a new member(s) and share the benefits of being an INA member. You and your new member could even win gold!!

See you in Fort Dodge ~ Chris Seuntjens

From the Secretaries Desk

Beverly Ashton



Hello from Fort Dodge. It really is hard to believe that so much time has gone by. Here it is August 1st, summer is winding down. The heat this summer has been unbearable! I don't know about you but I'm sure ready for Fall.

This year is election time for a new INA board. Ballots will be going out soon, so please get them back to me as soon as possible so we can have them back before the INA Convention in Fort Dodge Oct 27-28, 2012.

I will be getting this years dues notices out fairly soon, please don't think that you as a member have been forgotten, it is just me being slow! Can you believe the bullion market? It is impossible to figure out what is going on from day to day. As I am writing this silver is around \$28 and gold is around \$1618. I guess it's like the rest of the economy, nobody knows what is going on with any of it. See you at the shows!

Beverly Ashton - INA Secretary/Treasurer

INA BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

The INA officers hold three board meetings each year and one open membership meeting. These meetings are held in conjunction with a coin show. The annual board meeting is held during the INA's Annual Coin Show & Convention which is hosted by a different Coin Club each year. The INA's officers board meeting is held the evening of the first day of the INA coin show and the open membership meeting is conducted on the morning of the second day of the INA coin show.

Regular INA Board meetings:

February 25, 2012 at Coin-a-Rama, Nevada, Iowa

July 8, 2012 at Central Iowa Coin & Stamp Expo, Altoona, Iowa

October 27, 2012 at Annual INA Coin Show, Altoona, Iowa

October 28, 2012 Open membership meeting, Altoona, Iowa

President Chris Seuntjens called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and the Treasurer's report was given a balance of \$12,256.83 in the general fund and \$194.05 in the ICTA fund. Denny Ross motioned it be accepted, Lee Roe seconded and the Treasurer's report was approved. Chris welcomed the Iowa City Club Members who had come to the board meeting.

Sam Ashton gave an update on the INA show for Oct 27-28, 2012 in Fort Dodge. An agenda is needed by August 1st. Seminars were finalized with the schedule as follows:

1:00 Tom Robertson - Seminar on Seated Liberty Half Dollars

2:00 Dean Parr - Seminar on World Paper Money

3:00 Robert Simon - Seminar on the Rise & Fall of IA Town Centennials

Sam is to look into having armed guards for the security, possibly the Sheriff's Posse. Lunch will be available on the premises from 11:00-2:00 on Saturday and Sunday. Security room will be available for a \$25 fee per dealer. Denny motioned we accept the show proposals, Rusty Crawford seconded and it was approved.

Tom Robertson and several members of the Iowa City Coin Club presented the Board with a preliminary show budget for 2013. John Jackson motioned we accept the proposal, Dean Parr seconded and the motion was passed. Election ballots will be going out with no changes in any of the offices. The only exception will be in removing Ron Burns per his request.

Chris asked Bev for an update on the membership drive, we have 69 new members since the drive was started.

Dean Parr gave an overview of what he and his son are proposing for updating the INA's website. Do we need to discuss the content and decide on exact wording for updating some items for the digital age? Paul Heinen motioned that the committee decide upon content and if people have any problems with anything they can take it up with them. Denny seconded and it was approved. What will we do with the donations given for the website? We need to see what expenses Dean may have incurred and pay those expenses for him. Denny made a motion that was what we should do, Lee seconded and it was approved.

The board was told that Hannah Powell of Strawberry Point, IA was named INA YN of The Year.

Denny motioned that we adjourn, Bob Simon seconded, we adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Ashton

INA Secretary/Treasurer

Members present: Sam Ashton, Denny Ross, John Jackson, Dean Parr, Don McCulloch, Chris Seuntjens, Tim Shuck, Rusty Crawford, Tom Robertson, Paul Heinen, Dave Stark, & Bev Ashton

Financial Statement**February 25, 2012 - July 8, 2012**

Starting Balance INA	INA Regular	ICTA Fund
Regular	11,182.66	193.61
Receipts		
Dues	372.00	
Ads	910.00	Interest .44
Interest	4.22	
Donations	<u>700.00</u>	
	1986.22	
		<u>.44</u>
Expenses		
Ottumwa Printing		
Collector Printing (1)	579.00	
Collector mailing	138.00	
Postage- Extra copies	12.00	
Postage	112.21	
Sales tax	50.19	
	894.40	
Postage - Returned Collectors	7.65	
Refund Ad	10.00	

	912.05	.00
Current Balance	12,256.83	194.05
Checking	9,893.72	
Savings	2,323.11	<u>194.05</u>
Cash	40.00	
	<u>12,256.83</u>	194.05

INA Bylaws

The Bylaws can be viewed on the INA website: <http://ina.anaclubs.org/>
A white copy , of the bylaws, can be obtained by contacting INA
Secretary Beverly Ashton, 615 Central Avenue, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

From the Editors Desk

As always, I hope that you enjoy reading this issue of the Iowa Collector. In this issue you will read two articles submitted by Jim Ehrhardt. And following my remarks here, please read a little about Hannah Powell, Iowa's own ANA YN of the year!

As I said last issue, there are many ways to buy coins; again I ask you to think locally - let's support the dealers and others who support the INA and our communities and brick and mortar store in general. And as always educate yourself about what you are buying; ask questions, read a book, google something, but don't sit back and expect knowledge to seek you out.

All my best to all of you - Paul Heinen

Hannah Powell named ANA YN of the Year

Hannah Powell, of Strawberry Point, Iowa, was named the 2012 YN of the Year by the American Numismatic Association in Colorado Springs. Powell has compiled a remarkable record as a numismatist and as a young adult serving as a role model for others. Powell began collecting coins as a 4-year-old and later learned from coin dealer and Summer Seminar instructor Brian Fanton.

Hannah is the founder and leader of the Starmont Coin Club and helps the Ames Coin Club with its youth programs. She has a wide range of collecting interests and is currently collecting a note from every country in the world, building her MPC collection (especially with the number 6), as well as elemental coins from the periodic table. Powell's numismatic interest was on display with her high school prom dress, which was designed with coins sewed into the material.

Powell is currently a student at Iowa State University, majoring in agricultural systems technology, with minors in sustainability and economics. She is active in a variety of activities ranging from the Campus Ministry to the Carnivorous Plants Club. She's also deeply involved with the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa's youth ministry program.

Excerpts from article by RyAnne Scott - pr@money.org

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- Tom Robertson (319) 351-2512 tdrobby@yahoo.com
Programs on - Seated Liberty series; 1/2 dime, dimes, quarters Half
dollars & seated dollars. Barber series; dimes, quarters & half
dollars. 1/2 cents, large cents, two cents, silver three cents & nickel
three cents. Clubs & Organizations.
- Dale Dye (319) 351-3006
Programs on - Shields nickels, Liberty nickels, Buffalo nickels.
- Brian Fanton (319) 294-4377
Programs on - Grading, Boy and Girl Scout merit badges programs
Slabbing, 'Art of coin collecting' and general numismatic topics.
- Ron Burns (319) 447-0996 coinguy39@hotmail.com
Program on - The History of coinage 'Ancients thru colonials.
- Dean Parr (319) 366-0552 drparr@mchsi.com
Programs on - Foreign coins & World paper money.
- Denny Ross (641) 932-2731 sixty2one@iowatelecom.net
Program on - Lincoln cents 1909 thru 1958.
- Lee Roe (563) 852-3517 hilltopcoin@netins.net
Programs on - Buying and selling coin collections. Slabbing.
- Steve Feller (319) 393-7052 sfeller@coe.edu
Programs on - POW Scrip, WW II Concentration Camp money,
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Ames ----- Last Wednesday, Senior Citizens Center, 7:30 PM Scott Nichols
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Burlington ----- Fourth Tuesday, Burlington Public Library, 210 Court
Street 7:30 PM, Gary Kirby a (319) 752-2913

Cedar Rapids ----- Third Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Rockwell Main Plant
Cafeteria, 35th St. N. E., Bob Johnson a (319) 573-6652

Clarion - Fourth Thursday, Pizza Ranch on Main St, 7:00 PM, Harry Peters
a (641) 762-3735

Decorah ----- First Tuesday, V. F. W. Building basement, 104 State St 7:30
PM, Dave Sanderson a (563) 568-2371

Dubuque ----- First Thursday, Masonic Temple, 12th and Locust St, 7:00 PM
Neil Aitchison a (563) 556-5254

Des Moines -- First Tuesday, St. Marks Episcopal Church, 3120 E 24th, 7:00
PM, Roscoe Simmons a (515) 262-6008

Fort Dodge ----- Second Thursday, ICCC Career Education Building.,
330 Ave M, 7:30 PM, Sam Ashton a (515) 573-3033

Grinnell ----- Second Monday, Community Center (Senior Citizens Room)
7:30 PM, George Fowler a (641) 236-3549

Hiawatha ----- Fourth Wednesday (except June & July), Hiawatha Library,
50 William St. 7:00 PM, Dave Vaughn a (319) 366-5463

Irs City (Mt. Pleasant) ---- First Thursday, Bredeaux Pizza, 7:00 PM, Ken
Reynolds a (319) 385-3248

Keokuk ----- Third Thursday, Keokuk Public Library, 210 North 5th Street
7:30 PM, Tom Gardener a (319) 524-7366

Old Capitol (Iowa City) ----- Second Tuesday, Veteran's Administration
Hospital (Third floor cafeteria), Hwy 6, 7:00 PM Tom Robertson a
(319) 351-2512

Oskaloosa --- Second Tuesday, Farm Bureau Building (basement), 7:30 PM
Clarence & Gail McKee a (641) 672-2763

Ottumwa - Fourth Tuesday, Albia Road Baptist Church, 1601 Albia Road (Basement), 7:00 PM, Denny Ross *a* (641) 932-2731

Port City (Muscatine) - Fourth Tuesday (No meetings June, July, Aug), Holiday Inn, Muscatine, Hwy 61 & 38, 7:00 PM, Jim Burr (563) 262-9313

Quad City (Moline, IL) - Third Thursday, Garden Center, 5th Ave and 34th Street, 7:00 PM, Jeff Struve *a* (309) 737-0206

Red Oak - Second Thursday, Regency Retirement Center, 6:30 PM, Richard Trinity *a* (712) 829-2207

Sionxland (Sionx City) - First Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, 1915 Nebraska Street, 7:00 PM, John Jackson *a* (712) 274-9195

Storm Lake - Second Tuesday, Chamber of Commerce Bldg., 119 West 6th Street, 7:00 PM, Russ Post *a* (712) 284-2110

Wadena - Third Thursday, Historical Center, West Union, IA, 7:30 PM, Dr. James E. Ralls *a* (319) 283-4440

Waterloo/Cedar Falls - Second Tuesday, Waterloo Arts & Recreation Center, First & Commercial Streets, 7:00 PM, Dennis Emme *a* (319) 232-0662

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We must increase the price of our ads to keep up the quality of our publication

Thank you for your sponsorship!

Chris Seuntjens

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2012 Coin Show Calendar

Aug 18-19 Iowa Great Lakes Coin Show - Spirit Lake Community Center
North of Great lakes Mall (9-5) (9-3) Don McCulloch (712) 336-4618

Sept 15 Clarion Fall Coin Club Show - Clarion High School, 1111 Willow
Dr., Clarion, IA (9-4) Bill Soesbe (515)532-2155

Oct 6-7 Omaha Coin, Card & Collectibles Show- 1st Annual - Ramada Plaza,
Omaha, 72 & Grover St. (9-5) (9-3) Auction-Saturday night

Oct 27-28 Annual INA Coin Show & Convention - Iowa Central Community
College, Career Education Building, SW Corner of Campus, HWY 169 N of
Business 20, Fort Dodge, IA (9-5) (10-4) Sam and Bev Ashton (515) 573-3033

Oct 21 Tri-State Coin Show - Diamond Jo Casino, 301 Bell Street, Dubuque,
IA (9-4) Richard Hillard (563) 557-7210

Nov 4 Burlington Coin Club Show - Pzazz Convention Center Fun City
Complex, Burlington, IA (9-5) Roger Armstrong (319) 850-7339

Nov 3 Ottumwa Coin Show - Bridge View Center, 102 Church Street,
Ottumwa, IA (9-4) Denny Ross (641) 932-2731

Nov 10 Keokuk Coin Show - River City Mall, 300 Main Street, Keokuk, IA
(10-5) Tom Gardener (319) 524-7366

Dec 9 Old Capitol Coin Club Show - Clarion Hotel, I-80 & Hwy 1 (exit 246)
Iowa City, IA (9-4) Jeff Morgan (319) 269-2847

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Officers

Officers are elected every two years by membership vote, by mail ballot, and take office at the annual convention following election. Officers consist of 16 members, including the President, the First and Second Vice Presidents, the Secretary/Treasurer, the immediate Past-President, and 11 Directors.

The annual membership meeting is held each year at the Iowa Numismatic Associations Annual Convention held in the fall.

The Iowa Collector, the official bulletin, is published three times each year and sent to each member. The I.N.A., upon request, will help the heirs of any member in good standing find a qualified person or persons, in his area, to appraise an estate.

For further information about the I.N.A. contact any member, director or officer. An application has been enclosed with this issue of The Iowa Collector. To join fill it in and send it along with your check to:

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE IOWA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

I hereby make application for membership in the "IOWA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION", subject to the provisions of its Articles of Incorporation and By-laws.

Send this application together with \$10.00 for the current years dues
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Date Received _____

In Memoriam



Earl Norman Peterson, 80, was born August 12, 1932 at Battle Creek, Iowa. He attended country school through the 8th grade, graduating from Anthon High School with the class of 1950. While in high school, Earl was a pitcher on the baseball team that earned the State Championship in 1949.

Earl entered the US Navy and served from October 30, 1951 until October 14, 1955 in the Korean War. After his honorable discharge Earl returned home and on August 10, 1956 he married Donna Albers at St. Paul Lutheran Church at Midway. The couple returned to the family farm and

raised a family. Earl worked as a Dekalb seed Dealer for 30 years.

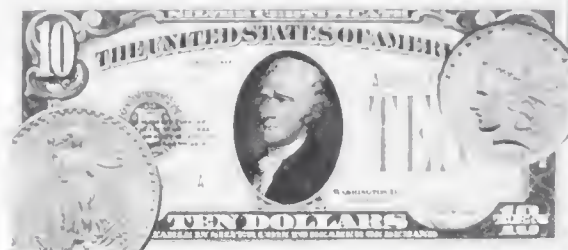
Earl found an interest in coins and became a partner with Curtis Iversen in P&I Coins in 1961. He later partnered with Ted Alvey in USA Coin Company in Sioux City. As a result, he was a member of the Numismatic Association and the Sioux City Rotary. He was also a lifetime member of the American Legion McNiff Post #389 of Anthon and a member of the Sioux Valley VFW Post #1750 of Correctionville. Earl and his wife loved to winter in Arizona having spent the last several years at the Queen Valley Resort where he was active in the church choir, computer classes, and became involved in stage plays there.

Earl tried not to miss any of his grand kids events. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan as well as an Iowa Hawkeye and burgeoning Iowa State fan since his grand children were going to that school. Earl found pleasure in fishing and enjoyed many trips to Minnesota with friends and family.

Earl is survived by his wife, Donna, his four children and seven grand children, along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and in-laws.

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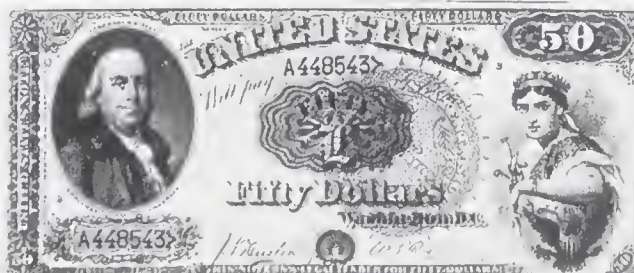
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1. Which of the following U.S. odd denominations had two types each made of a different metallic compositions?
A. Two Cents B. Twenty Cents
C. Three Dollars D. Three Cents
2. What is the largest U.S. Currency denomination ever intended for general circulation?
A. \$500 B. \$1,000
C. \$5,000 D. \$10,000 E. \$100,000

Answers from Spring/Summer Issue: 1. (D); 2 (B)

The purpose of coin clubs is to bring together those persons interested in the hobby of collecting coins. To encourage active participation in Numismatics. To uphold the principals of fair dealing. To study the history of the world through the art of coin collecting. To provide a meeting place for interested people and to promote good fellowship among its members.



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Iowa's First Rare Coin Theft

by James C. Ehrhardt



Coin theft has long been a problem. Probably the first rare coin theft occurred hundreds, if not thousands, of years ago when people started to perceive particular coins as desirable because of their scarcity and beauty rather than their intrinsic metallic content. Almost every collector has been the victim of a theft or knows someone who has suffered that fate. However, collectors and dealers are not the only ones who have to be security conscious with their coins. Institutions with numismatic collections seem especially vulnerable to the disappearance of their holdings

Recently I have been volunteering at the State Historical Society of Iowa in Iowa City with the task of preserving and cataloging their collection of coins and currency. During the course of this work, I learned of an event that may have been the first rare coin theft in Iowa. Our story begins with Theodore S. Parvin.

Iowa was fortunate to have a man of Mr. Parvin's caliber assisting in the development of the Territory and the state. He was born in 1817 in New Jersey and twenty years later graduated from the Cincinnati Law School. In 1838 Robert Lucas, previously Governor of Ohio, was appointed first Governor of the new Territory of Iowa, and he selected Parvin as his private secretary. Mr. Parvin accompanied the Governor to Iowa and then was appointed to take charge of the Territorial library. Various territorial and state appointments followed during his career. He was one of the first trustees of the University of Iowa and was professor of natural science for ten years. He was one of the organizers of the State Historical Society and served several years as its corresponding secretary and as editor of its historical journal. As one of the first officials of the Territory and long associated with its public affairs, Mr. Parvin was regarded as a leading authority on Iowa history and biography. He was one of the founders of the Masonic Order of Iowa and was Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. As such, he collected in Cedar Rapids the most extensive Masonic library in the world. Most importantly for us, Mr. Parvin's passion for history included collecting old coins and currency.

1865 photograph of Theodore Parvin

Mr. Parvin felt that the State Historical Society was the place for preserving Iowa's monetary heritage. He donated substantial numbers of coins and currency and encouraged others to do so, which finally brings us to the point. On December 5, 1871, several years after he left their employ, he wrote the Curators of the Society a six-page letter complaining about the handling of his various donations. A key portion reads as follows.

"I donated years ago a full and complete set of copper coins of the U. S. and that afterward the Society suffered some 13 to be abstracted. I after years of effort succeeded in replacing 7 of them and this summer when east purchased six to complete the list at an expense of some \$9.00."

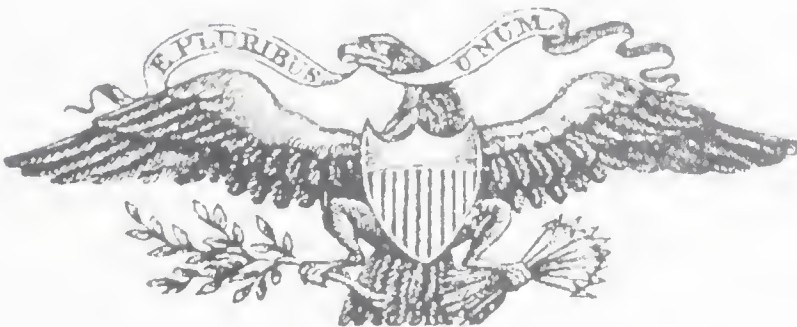
The first accession book of the Society records a donation of coins from Mr. Parvin in 1860. This probably was his "full & complete set" of coppers. Collectors' interest in large cents and half cents had been sparked by their disappearance from circulation due to the panic of 1857 and the introduction of the small copper-nickel flying eagle cents, but we don't know when Mr. Parvin's numismatic pursuits began. Clearly he had the foresight to know that these artifacts of the recent past would be

appropriate for the Society. Wouldn't it be nice if we lived in a time when we could find almost complete sets of large cents and half cents in circulation!

The years between 1860 and 1871 were stressful ones for the young Society. It experienced changes in personnel, a perpetual shortage of funds, and location changes. Security must have been difficult. Thirteen coppers walked off without a trace in the mid or late 1860s. I have not been able to learn if the perpetrator of this theft was ever identified or if any of the coins were recovered. I suspect not. The missing coins were probably the scarcest ones in the set, but Mr. Parvin was able to replace seven of them locally without too much difficulty. By 1871 the final six could only be obtained on a trip to the east coast and then at the exorbitant price of \$9.00 for the lot. I wish I could purchase some 1790s copper for similar prices.

Despite this theft or perhaps because of it, the Historical Society has had an excellent record of preserving the other numismatic items in its collections. I have been able to examine almost all its other coins and currency recorded as early donations. However, institutional theft continues to be a problem. I know of at least three other major institutions in Iowa that have suffered thefts of significant coins from their collections in recent decades. Perhaps certain people think that they would not be harming anyone by stealing from a museum. All collectors need to be aware of the need to combat this type of crime and to promote the preservation of our numismatic heritage.

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Bourse closes	5:00 pm
INA Board meeting	6:00 pm

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Tom has been an avid numismatist since 1951. He is the past Historian for the Iowa Numismatic Association as well as a past President. He is the current INA District 1 Director, and also the current District Representative for the American Numismatic Association. He is also a Representative of the Flying Eagle and Indian Head Cent Club. Tom is also a member of 24 numismatic organizations. He has also taught a numismatic course at Kirkwood College. Mr. Robertson is also diversified in the field of numismatics and a devoted contributor of his time and energy.

Robert Simon



Robert is a 57 year member of the American Numismatic Association and a life member of the INA. He began collecting coins at the age of 13. Robert attended Simpson College and Iowa State University prior to serving 4 years in the U.S. Navy from 1952 thru 1954. He is a retired insurance claim supervisor and is presently a volunteer docent at the Iowa Historical building in Des Moines.

Dean Parr



Dean started collecting coins as a Cub Scout in 1958 when he received a Christmas gift of the Lincoln Cents No. 2 Whitman folder. He has spent many hours searching rolls of coins purchased from local banks, collecting most of the circulating coins of the time. In the mid 1970's Dean purchased a copy of Krause World coins and a pound of world coins. He now collects world coins by date and mint. Dean is a life member of the Cedar Rapids Coin Club and has served as secretary since 2001. He has also been a member of the INA since 1998 and is currently 2nd Vice President and also the organizations web-master.

Alfred Sanders: Early Iowa Collector

by James C. Ehrhardt

Biographical sketches of prominent 19th century coin collectors have been published in the national media, but these have been mostly of gentlemen residing in large metropolitan areas. Little has been written about early Iowa collectors. One such Iowan nicely documented his collection and his collecting philosophy. The July 1864 issue of the *Annals of Iowa*, published by the State Historical Society of Iowa in Iowa City, included a letter from Alfred Sanders that gives much detail about attitudes and possibilities of collecting in Iowa during the 1840s - 1860s. Recall that Iowa was still on the frontier during those times. Iowa had become a territory in 1838 and a state in 1846. In 1840 the population of the entire Iowa Territory was only 43,112 but growing rapidly. The first railroad bridge across the Mississippi river was not built until 1856. Most Iowa communities were small and connected to the outside world by steamboat and/or stage coach.

Alfred Sanders was born in Cincinnati in 1819. He received his education in a printing office there and at a local college. In 1841 he came to the small town of Davenport, Iowa, where he established the *Davenport Gazette*, a weekly Whig newspaper. He remained as editor and publisher of the paper for 21 years, and was proud that he never missed an issue. His paper and he prospered as Davenport grew. His varied interests included the study of botany, conchology (shells), and geology. The 1882 *History of Scott County, Iowa* had a biographical sketch which included the following. "He was an antiquarian, and especially was he fond of that branch of it that is denominated *numismatics*. For many years he was engaged in collecting coins and medals, and whatever would represent their values." This reference to numismatics is the first I have ever seen in the old county histories.



Unfortunately, Mr. Sanders died of typhoid fever in 1865. About a year before that, he submitted the following letter to T. S. Parvin, Secretary and Librarian for the State Historical Society, who had requested an account of his coin collection. Mr. Parvin was a coin collector himself (He donated many of his coins and currency to the Society.) and evidently viewed Mr. Sanders' collection as one of the leading collections in the state. Mr. Sanders' reply is reprinted in full below.

**NUMISMATIC COLLECTION OF ALFRED SANDERS,
ESQ., OF DAVENPORT, IOWA.**

T. S. PARVIN, ESQ.:

Dear Sir:- You ask me for a description of my numismatic cabinet, or collection of coins, for publication. I suppose that since the days of Petrarch there not been a time that men did not feel an interest in gold and silver coin, but unfortunately it has proceeded from a sordid and not from scientific considerations. When a boy I commenced the collection of odd coins, simply from an inclination to preserve everything that was unique or rare. It was not until later in life that I learned there was science called numismatics -- a science of such importance that we are indebted to it for much of the most reliable history we possess of ancient nations.

The precise time when money was first coined is not known, though from existing data that era can be approximated so nearly as to fix it between the seventh and eighth centuries before Christ. Nor is the nation by whom it was first coined positively known, though Herodotus gives the honor to the Lydians. A gold coin of Miletus, some 800 years B. C., -- now preserved in the British Museum -- is supposed to be the oldest coin yet discovered.

The manner of coining money pursued by the primitive moneyers, was to drop the metal in a globular form in the die and strike it with a punch; thus, while one side showed the design, the other betrayed the marks of the punch, while the edges were left rough. And here, among these rude efforts to give to the world a circulating medium of the precious metals, does the collection of your humble servant date. An unwieldy coin, its thickness one-fourth of its diameter, one side bearing the indented marks of the punch, and the other that of some *rare avis*; constitutes the first of the series.

But it would be too tedious and consume too much space were I to attempt a description of each coin, or even mention them by name; I will therefore refer to a few of the more prominent silver ones:

Alexander the Great	B.C.	336
Roman Sestertia	"	269
Roman Victoriati	"	265
Jewish coin	"	200
Prusias, king of Bithynia	"	183
Monunias, king of Illyria	"	170

Marcian family	"	145	
Otho Caesar (large and rare)	A D.	69	
Domitian (last of Caesars)	"	81	
Trajan	"	98	
Antoninus Pius	"	138	
Maximus	"	235	
Constantine	"	353	
Valentinus	"	363	
Then follow several Roman coins of later dates.			

Commencing back with English history, I find the first well-determined coin in my possession is that of William Rufus, the "Red King," an Anglo-Norman who reigned A.D. 1087 to 1104. An interval here occurs in the series to Edward I, A.D. 1272. After that it proceeds pretty regularly through the sovereigns of England up to the present exemplary queen.

Among the moderns, I believe very nearly all the nations upon the earth who have a coinage are represented. The obverses of many of these coins show very clearly the prevailing fashions of dress and hair some hundreds of years ago. The united initials of the affianced lovers engraved on the smoothed surface of the old Spanish milled dollar, and the same coin broken in twain, represent the romantic way our ancestors had of doing up love matters!

In my cabinet are medals of merit, of valor, of religion, superstition, philanthropy, industry, science, &c. A neat inscription on this one shows that its original possessor won merit by his achievements at the battle of Busaco; another at Sebastopol, and still another figured conspicuously at Alma, Inkermann and at Sebastopol. Here is one given "for long service and good conduct." Death alone could have induced a soldier containing such a character to have parted with this precious memento. The Catholic hierarchy, with its superstitions, are largely represented among these medals.

But I must not dwell. The above but constitute the silver of my collection. The gold is limited, but the copper abounds and extends back from the earliest usage of that metal for coinage, up to excavated coins of the ill-fated cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, and through almost all civilized nations to the present time.

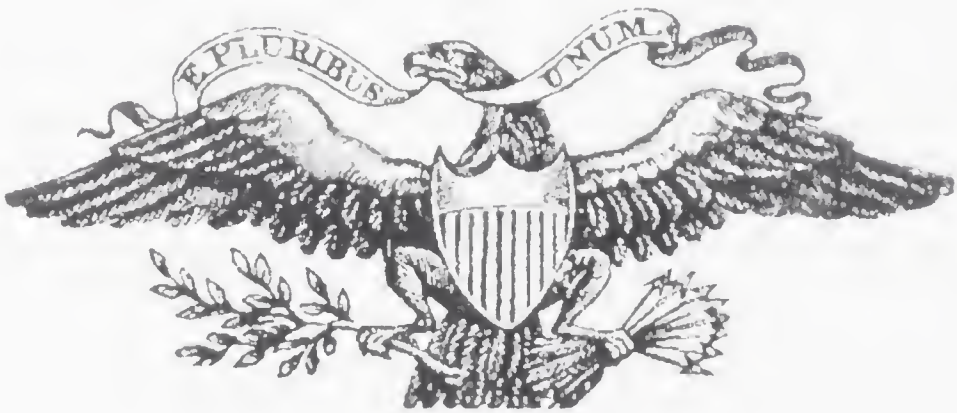
A good collection of coins is a history in itself. A single coin, though ever so rare, is of little value, while in a cabinet it may be the missing link in a chain of events that will throw light upon otherwise obscured history. Those persons, therefore, who have detached coins, should give them to some collection, and if they can do no better, they may send them to

Yours truly,

ALFRED SANDERS

Davenport, March 28, 1864

Clearly, Mr. Sanders devoted a lot of time and energy to his coin collection. He was most proud of his ancient silver coins. He also had an extensive group of world coins, a British collection by sovereign, and copper coins ranging from the ancients to modern specimens. His cabinet included a limited number of gold coins but had a substantial collection of medals.. He probably had American coins, but did not focus on the date sets that are popular now. This author would love to have seen his love token on a Spanish milled dollar. We don't know how he obtained his coins, but his widespread contacts as a newspaper editor surely helped. The ultimate fate of the coins after his death is unknown. I like his collecting philosophy, but few of today's INA members would respond to his final appeal for donations to his collection.



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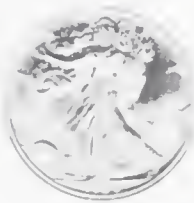
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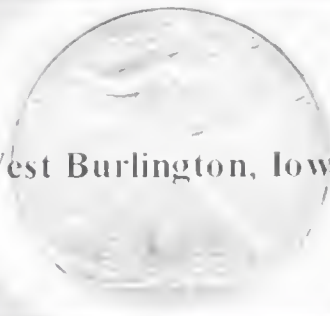
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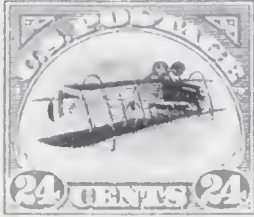
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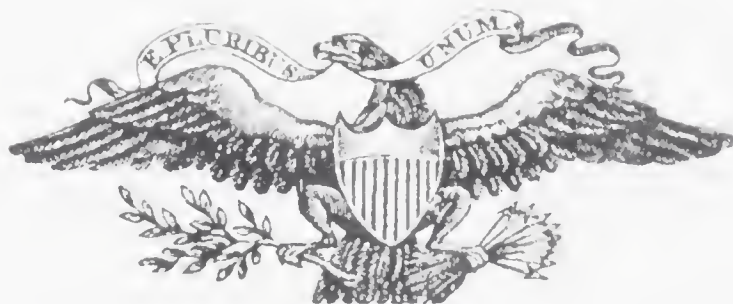
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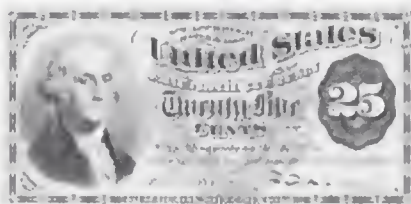
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Jaime Hernandez - May 21, 2012

In the 1960s it was still possible to receive Silver dollars at face value from the bank. During this time, the price of silver began to increase and as the public became aware, they requested coins at face value. The demand was so high, banks didn't have enough coins to meet the public's requests. In August 1964, Congress approved production of 45 million Silver dollars to prevent coin shortages throughout the country. President Lyndon Johnson approved the order despite heavy opposition, but after several months, no 1964-D Peace dollars were struck.

Finally on May 12, 1965, the Mint struck its first 1964-D Peace dollars; however, these were only struck as a trial pieces. Johnson immediately issued a Presidential Order instructing the Denver Mint to produce circulation strike 1964-D Peace dollars. The Denver Mint had no choice but to begin striking the 1964-D Peace dollars. The coins were struck on 90% silver planchets, had an identical design to the Peace dollars struck from 1921-1935 (with the exception of the date) and had a D mintmark on the reverse. The Mint struck a total of 316,076 circulation strike 1964-D Peace dollars (not including 30 test strike pieces).

The Congressional leaders who were against production of the 1964-D dollars convinced the White House to have the coins destroyed. On May 24, 1965 the White House rescinded the President's instructions to produce the coins and ordered all 1964-D Peace dollars to be destroyed. Eva Adams, Director of the U.S. Mint at the time, oversaw both the production and destruction of the 1964-D Peace dollars.

Due to the large volume of coins struck, the Mint decided to weigh the coins during the retrieval process as opposed to counting each coin individually. The weight of the 1964-D Peace dollars included the scrap and webbing from which the coins were struck to try to obtain an accurate weigh in. There were several U.S. Mint personnel who witnessed the melting of these coins to ensure that all had been destroyed.

As time went by, there were rumors that some 1964-D Peace dollars had escaped the U.S. Mint. Eva Adams was under a lot of scrutiny and when asked whether any of these coins existed, her response was that they were

all melted. However, years later according to Mint records, two test strikes resurfaced. The two coins that surfaced were apparently from the 30 test pieces that were sent to Washington for inspection. Those two coins remained in the Treasury Vault until 1970 but were immediately destroyed by the U.S. Mint as soon as they were discovered.

What's suspicious is that over the years several 1964 Special Mint set coins surfaced. There are no Mint records of any 1964 Special Mint Sets being produced; however, we know these coins do exist. According to a prominent coin dealer, the 1964 Special Mint Set coins surfaced from Eva Adams' personal estate collection when they were consigned to a Stack's auction. Over the years, there have been rumors that another prominent coin dealer was offered a few 1964-D Peace dollars. Around the same time, the Mint came out with a statement indicating that if any of these dollars exist, they were illegal to own. The dealer mentioned he never heard back from the seller, but believed he did indeed own a few.



Others have mentioned that in 1965 Mint employees were given the opportunity to exchange the 1964-D Peace dollars at face value when they were originally struck. However, the Mint requested that employees bring them back once they were ordered to be destroyed. If this was the case, some coins could have escaped the Mint through this channel. Another possible way is that coins could have been removed during the weighing process upon destruction; a Mint

employee could have replaced the coins with any other pre-1964 Peace Morgan dollars since they had the exact same weight. Of course, this is just speculation. And to make matters more confusing, someone recently came out with Fantasy 1964-D Peace dollars by striking them using their own coin press and making them resemble a genuine Mint product.

It's been almost 50 years since the 1964-D Peace dollars were struck and not one genuine example has surfaced. Do you think any genuine 1964-D Peace dollars exist? We would love to hear your thoughts. E-mail jhernandez@collectors.com with your opinions.

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